

Thursday, May 30, 1907

Announcements.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. B. DOLLEMAN as a candidate for Mayor of Logan, for a second term, subject to the will of the Democratic primary.

ASSESSORS.

We are authorized to announce the name of JOHN H. W. NICHOLS for assessor of Marion Township, for a second term, subject to the will of the Democratic party.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE.

We are authorized to announce the name of Adam Poling as a candidate for Trustee of Falls Township, subject to the will of the Democratic party.

Tax Commission of Ohio Asked to Recommend a Constitutional Amendment.

One of the most successful meetings held by the Tax Commission of Ohio was that of May 6, which was devoted to the mercantile and manufacturing interests of the state. Representatives from a score of business organizations in Ohio were present. Almost to a man the delegates told the members of the commission that only a constitutional amendment would give tax payers relief. Those who discussed the subject of "Taxation" were: Chas. U. Shryock of the Zanesville Chamber of Commerce; Wm. O. Mathews, representing the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Tax League; W. H. Burtnor of the Cincinnati Business Men's Club; Edward L. Buckwalter of the Springfield Commercial Club; Nelson W. Evans of the Portsmouth Board of Trade; Geo. T. Spahr of the Columbus Board of Trade; C. A. Malone of the Chillicothe Board of Trade; K. L. Coburn of the Business Association of Salem; E. B. Willard of the Ironton Board of Trade; E. M. Thresher of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce; and C. W. Gilgen, F. A. Hardenstein and Judge James B. Kennedy of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce. Before the meeting, the city clerk of Cleveland, also made an address. Herewith briefs of some of the addresses are given and from time to time extracts from all of the papers will be carried in these columns.

From a paper by E. M. Thresher of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce: There is a just and widespread dissatisfaction with the system of taxation in force under the present constitution, as being inadequate and inefficient.

However well it may have been adapted to existing conditions when it was adopted, it has utterly failed to meet the changing conditions which time has brought, and it has become thoroughly discredited.

An attempt to patch it up by any other than radical changes will be only to invite failure and retard the wheels of progress.

No person well informed as to existing conditions will claim that the investments in real estate owned by the citizens of Ohio are taxed by a uniform rule at their full value in money.

As for their investments in personal property, they are, for the most part, not taxed at all, because they are not produced, and when taxed at all, it is by a very different rule from that which obtains in the case of real estate. Taken together, they fail to secure the returns which they ought to yield, and tend to oppress the honest man who tries to obey the law, while granting a large share of the dishonest man who tries to evade it.

Moreover, the state—by an indirect use of the taxing power—under the form of fees and licenses is raising large sums of money in a way not contemplated when the constitution was adopted. The tendency of which is to bring the constitution itself into discredit.

The essence of the difficulty seems to lie in the attempt to make the constitution deal with details rather than with principles.

The proper remedy, in my judgment, is only to be found in an amendment of the constitution which shall give to the general assembly power to classify all proper subjects for taxation in such a manner that:

No subject shall escape its proper share of the burden.

No subject of the same class shall be taxed more than another.

The tax shall in all cases be uniform to subjects of the same class and just to the subject taxed.

In my humble judgment it is only in some such way as this that the present inequalities and injustice of our present system of taxation can find a proper remedy and order be restored out of the existing chaos.

From the address of E. B. Willard of the Ironton Board of Trade: "The principal ground of complaint that I hear is the taxation of corporations under the Willis law.

"Another serious complaint is against the tax on the interests in foreign corporations."

From the address of Geo. T. Spahr of the Columbus Board of Trade: "I can not presume, although not as a representative of the Board of Trade, to represent the views of that entire body; for we found, at a taxation meeting we held, that we looked at the subject of taxation from all points of the compass.

For myself, I think our only safety is in shaping matters so that we may have subjects classified for taxation. My ideal is, I think, the ideal of most every one that studies the subject long: a land tax in the end that land and privileges should bear all our taxes. That no taxes or penalties should be placed on the product of industry or the interest of capital but that all taxes should be placed upon the things that man does not create.

I think the appeal for a constitutional amendment must come from the people. I think we need the campaign of education that the State Board of Commerce is now carrying on through the state. The farmers are at last waking up to the fact that theirs is the only interest that is paying their full personal tax, and the widows and orphans in the probate court.

NEW H. V. SHOPS BEING RUSHED UP.

(Columbus Sun)

Actual work on the new Hocking Valley shops at Logan has been in progress for several weeks and the detailed plans and specifications are now in the hands of the constructing engineers and contractors. The officers of the company report that the preliminary work is highly satisfactory and that it is progressing as rapidly as could have been planned.

There will be six brick buildings and one steel building in the yards. Plans for the occupancy of each one have been made and, though the company is sparing no expense to make the shops what they should be, still the strictest economy is being adhered to in the matter of locations and sizes of buildings. The shops, which will cost several thousand dollars to erect and will provide employment for a few hundred men, are intended to be the largest building and repairing works maintained by the company. General Superintendent M. S. Connors looked ahead almost 40 years in planning them, and they are expected to be of great service during that length of time.

The power house will be of brick, 60x120 feet. The company will install several large dynamos there to light the different shops and yards and to run the machinery. The office and storeroom building will be located near the power house, being 25x50 feet, with a large front platform.

The pipe and tin shops will be 30x50 feet and built entirely of brick. The dry lumber shed will be of brick, 50x40 feet. The saw shop will be near the lumber shed and built of brick, 60x120 feet.

The largest building, the repair and car shops, will be constructed of steel. It will be 125x500 feet, and will have a heavy crane constructed in front of it for the lifting of heavy engines, cars and machinery. The blacksmith shop is planned for 60x100 feet and will be built of brick.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Ward township—Henry Jacoby, administrator of Martha Nutter, to J. N. Sheran, 1.7 acres of land; consideration \$160.

Ward township—John D. Lehman and wife to Clarence Lehman, 1.24 acres of land; \$1.00 and other consideration.

Logan—Thomas W. Rochester, et al. to Mary C. Seib, Lot No. 85; consideration \$2700.

Benton—Estate of Jesse Lindsey, deceased, to Francis Lindsey, et al. S. e. 1/4 of S. e. 1/4 of section No. 8, also 15 acres off east side S. w. 1/4 of the S. e. 1/4 of same section. Passed by heritage.

Salt Creek—T. J. McCreary and wife to James L. McCreary, 110 acres of land; \$350.

Ward—D. Scott Randolph and wife to Alpha M. Russell, 46 47 acres of land \$900.

Logan—J. E. R. Sine and wife to Thomas D. Trimmer, lot 1200 in Glenova Addition; \$150.

Falls—Chas. H. Stevens and wife to E. L. Nimon, 10.20 acres of land; \$1700.

Logan—August M. Riddlebaugh and wife to George W. Risley, Lot No. 27; \$400.

Ward—The Cleveland Trust Co. to The Co. & Hocking Coal and Iron Co., 170 acres of land; \$1.00 and other consideration.

Laurelville—George I. Haynes and wife to Thomas O. Parrish, Lot 5 in Century Addition to Laurelville; \$1075.

Logan—Clarissa Barthlow and husband to W. F. Outley, Lots 967 and 968, in East Lawn Addition; \$1000.

Zachariah Donaldson, deceased to Charles Donaldson, Real Estate by will.

to Lafayette Howdyshehl, 24 acres of land; \$375.00.

Logan—Otto Zanner and wife to Elizabeth A. Krizer, lots 1046 and 1047. Consideration \$500.

Goodhope—Simon B. Primer to Irvin Gordon, 63.75 acres of land. \$500.00

Logan—Jacob Hansel and wife to Charles L. Adeock, lot 11 and strip adjoining same. \$1100.

Laurelville—Aea Strous to Lloyd M. Danison, lot 4. \$125 00.

Gore—Zachariah Donaldson and wife to Perry Donaldson, 10 acres of land. \$500.

Good Hope—J. W. Huls and wife to Boyd C. Ridenour, 25 acres of land. \$1300.

Starr—Ida L. Baker and Edna B. Thompson to Clement T. Thompson, Fractional lot No. 3. \$450.

VILLAGE COUNCIL.

About the Usual Grind of Municipal Affairs.

The Village Council met on Tuesday night with all members present except Mr. Angle. Treasurer G. W. Pullen made report of condition of treasury for April, which report together with that of Clerk and Mayor were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Hon. Mayor of Logan Village:

Below find report of the balances in the various funds of Logan Village on the 30th day of April 1907, as shown by the books of Treasurer.

30th, 1907. 13619 44
Respectfully submitted,
G. W. PULLEN, Treas.

Mr. J. H. Perone, managing trustee of the Cemetery Board was present and petitioned the council to either improve the north end of Market St., leading into Oak Grove Cemetery, or abandon the street, giving same to trustees to be laid off and sold in lots. Matter was referred to street committee for investigation, also matter of cutting down school house hill and filling at Goose Creek; and requiring sidewalk laid.

Mr. Pfeiffer, of the Logan Clay Product Co., was present and addressed the council, seeking repair of streets from corporation line on North Zanesville Road, to Bowen street in south Logan, so that the hauling of clay would be possible in winter time. The matter could not be ordered done at this time because there is not money enough in that fund, but was referred to Street Committee to investigate cost, and report at next meeting. The next appropriation comes in next month, and provision will be made for meeting the expense of such improvement. The clay industry is among our best and strongest, and pay heavy tax to our town, and the council seemed willing to assist in putting the streets in condition to haul over in winter time.

The following bills were passed:

BILLS PASSED.

E. C. Radebaugh, cleaning streets \$ 16 15
Logan Brick Mfg. Co., paving block 3 75
Robt. Blacksten, drayage 50
W. L. Gage, hauling 7 50
J. N. Fox, hauling 1 50
Frank Wolf, teaming 12 75
Stanley Wolf, teaming 12 75
George Downard, teaming 14 25
U. S. Tel. Co., service 45
Julius Weiss, building abutments 55 20
E. E. Bright, shoeing fire team 1 40
John Rish, corn 19 45
Frank Kitzmiller, extra police service 4 50
Logan Printing & Pub. Co., pub. ordinances 30 00
Journal Gazette, pub. ord. 15 00
Hocking Republican, pub. ord. 15 00

Total amount 210 25

Col. Wm. Fields was made deputy marshal with special duty to look after dogs and enforce the

dog ordinance. He will be sworn in to-day, and any complaints about dogs running at large may be made to him, and he will see to it at once. His 'phone number is 285 O.

The resignation of Tom Slosser as night policeman was presented and accepted to take effect June 1. Mr. Slosser has accepted a position in Columbus, much more lucrative in salary than the night job here, and his many friends wish him success in his new position.

The vacancy was not filled, the council adjourning until Friday night when the matter will be taken up.

Laura Pletch.

Laura Pletch, daughter of Conrad and Lizzie Pletch was born in Fairfield Co. Oct. 22, 1870, and went to meet her reward May 21, 1907 after a brief illness of peritonitis. Laura was a true Christian, both in the home and elsewhere and never for instant forgot that all blessings come from God. Every one loved her for her kind and self sacrificing spirit. Mother, father and sister always came before self. She taught school for many years, loving the work because she loved little children. She united with the M. E. Church at Nelsonville when but eight years of age and two years ago transferred her membership to the Bible Christian church at Coc Chapel where she was received in full connection by the speaker and was a faithful Christian until death. She was a faithful attendant at church and Sabbath school where she will be missed by her Sabbath school class. She leaves to mourn their loss, a father, two sisters and other relatives and a host of friends and has gone to her Angel mother and the God she taught her to love and serve. Funeral by the Rev. Wm. Arthur of Gallipolis. Interment at Greenlawn cemetery, Nelsonville O.

The golden Gates were opened.
A gentle voice said "Come",
And angels from the other side,
Welcomed our loved one home.

CASE OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our many friends for their assistance and loving sympathy during the illness and death of our daughter and sister Laura, also for the many beautiful floral tributes. We do especially thank the Carbon Hill choir for the beautiful songs sang over our beloved dead.

CONRAD PLETCH
MUSIC PLETCH.

GOOD ROADS MEETING.

Enthusiasm that Will Mean Something.

On Monday afternoon, as was previously announced, State Highway Commissioner, Sam Houston, of Columbus, came to Logan and addressed a large audience at the court house. There were present, representatives of all the townships of the county except Salt Creek, Township trustees, road superintendents, farmers and Logan citizens were present.

Mr. Houston began his remarks with a talk on the provisions of the present road laws of Ohio, dwelling especially on the restrictions and changes introduced by the recent act abolishing the old office of supervisor and substituting that of district superintendent. He presented the very logical view that one of the greatest evils of the elected supervisors systems was the fact that in a great many cases that officers fell victims to the temptation of letting the public down easy in order to gain their support for re-election.

Under the new provision, the superintendent is not elected, but is appointed by the trustees, and acts under their authority. They may dismiss him at any time, and he is not accountable directly to the voters. Consequently he is in a position to enforce more strictly the regulations regarding the working of road taxes. One of the severely criticized provisions of the new law is that which prohibits a superintendent from hiring for road work any member of his own family. Mr. Houston explained that this became necessary because in all walks of life

dishonest men, grafters are to be found, and restrictions for all are essential in order to prohibit the few. In reply to a query, Mr. Houston stated it as his belief that a trustee who is the owner of a gravel pit may lawfully sell therefrom gravel to be used to the superintendent in road making and repair.

The penalty provided by law for non-fence or mis-fence in office of a superintendent of roads is a fine of from \$5 to \$50, and imprisonment not to exceed five days.

The speaker emphasized one fact very distinctly in relation to the legal aspects of roads; that is, that no individual can acquire a prescriptive right in a public road. Land owners whose fences have encroached upon road-ways may be compelled at any time to remove those fences. It is provided by statute that in cases where the records of a road are lost, the road shall be located from the existing center, and in the absence of facts to the contrary shall be sixty feet in width.

Mr. Houston recommends the maintenance of the clay roads we now have, for the very good reason that with our present tax valuation of property the county is unable to construct the so-called permanent roads. The care of the clay roads is the matter of present vital importance to the public. Improvement of the original grades is another matter that can well be taken up by the officers, individually. The great importance of proper drainage and crowning of the roadways, was emphasized. Another practical admonition given by the speaker was, to use for the repair of roads the same material of which the road is constructed. Work in the spring, when the soil is damp, was recommended, as it has a tendency to "puddle" the ground, and make a firm surface. Mr. Houston closed his address with a words on the excellence of the "king-drag," properly used, and the utter folly of hauling heavy loads on narrow-tired wheels.

Commissioner Fred Weymuller acted as chairman of the meeting. At its close a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for his presence and timely words of advice.

Olentangy Park.

Olentangy Park, Theatre and Zoological Garden, the big Columbus amusement resort, is now open for the season of 1907, and is "bigger and better than ever." Numerous new attractions have been installed this year, and visitors are fairly bewildered by the variety and magnitude of the entertainment offered. The new Dancing Pavilion at Olentangy this year will be one of the largest and finest in the State. Free out-door attractions are presented each week, and Powell's Big Union Band, of 30 musicians, give free concerts every afternoon and evening. The Zoological Garden, Museum of Ornithology, Japanese Village and Gypsy Camp are also free. Superb productions twice daily are presented in the theatre.

Rigg's Rough Riders are also giving a big open air Wild West show every afternoon and evening. This organization carries 75 Indians, cowboys and ranch girls, with over 50 horses, and present an exciting reproduction of life on the plains.

These special attractions, in addition to the other numerous amusements, will make Olentangy Park the foremost amusement resort in the entire country, and a visit to this Park will be almost equal to a World's Fair trip.

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Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners of Hocking County, Ohio, will receive sealed bids up to One P. M. June 20th, 1907, for the construction of a concrete Pier in the Hocking River at Enterprise, Ohio. Pier to be 16 ft. base, 4 ft. top, and to be 22 ft. long and 27 ft. high, and in accordance with plans and specifications now on file in the County Auditor's Office, Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio. Also at the same time, and included in same bid the raising of the present two abutments, 2 ft. by adding concrete blocks to the tops of the same—these to be 8 ft. by 2 ft. long. The Commissioners to furnish all the reinforcing.

A Most Desolated Land.
I learned from an eyewitness something about Spitzbergen, that desert arctic island 500 miles north of the North Cape of Norway and within 700 miles of the north pole; a frost desolated land, where the grass grows longer than the trees and huge glaciers in the ice bridged valleys amid the jagged mountains move majestically down into the sea until mighty icebergs, a monstrous birth, break off and rise to the surface amid thunderous reports—once the only sound that broke the profound silence of those awful solitudes. Spitzbergen is the only spot of earth that is positively known as No Man's land. It is the possession of no country and has nothing even resembling a specified government. The island seems likely to remain No Man's Land, though it is said that an effort has been made by Norway to establish some sort of protectorate over it.—National Magazine.

Edward III's Drum Corps.

Probably introduced from the east, is frequently mentioned in the accounts of the first crusade. When Edward III. and his queen made their triumphal entry into Calais, "tambours," or drums, were among the instruments which were played in their honor. Another of these was called a "naker," or kettledrum, taken, together with its name, from the Arabs. The poet Chaucer also mentions this instrument in his description of the tournament in the "Knights Tale."

Fifes, trompes, makers and clarionets. That in the battle blowed a bloody sound. The king generally kept a troop of these handmen or minstrels in his employ, and we read that Edward II. on one occasion gave a sum of 60 shillings to Roger the trumpeter, Janhu the naker and others for their performances.—Chambers' Journal.

Clever With the Cards.

Some years ago a certain county jail was undergoing extensive alterations, during which time a gang of pickpockets, four in number, were arrested one market day. Owing to the alterations the lot were confined for a time in one cell, but were placed under strict surveillance, the care of them being specially intrusted to the warden. The day after during his rounds he spied them playing cards, when he promptly opened the door and summoned a fellow constable, on whose arrival the cell and the prisoners were most carefully searched, but no cards were found. However, the card playing still continued until the day on which the pickpockets were to be sent to the assizes for trial. Then the superintendent, a very kind man and a great favorite with every body, asked that as a favor to tell him where they had hidden the cards. They told him that as soon as the sergeant and his comrade entered their cell they stuck the pack in his pocket and picked it again before he left, as a proof of which they presented him with the much used pack.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Bride's Dilemma.

A humorous romance is reported from Natal, where a youthful Hindoo bride was recently called upon to choose between her husband and her jewels. The case came before the Dur-

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ban police court in the first instance, where the bride's parents, says the Natal Mercury, accused her husband of abducting her while under thirteen years of age. The bride, however, claimed to be eighteen, and the magistrate dismissed the case. Outside the court a tug of war took place between the two parties for the possession of the bride, in the course of which it appeared that what her parents particularly desired was not herself, but her jewelry. A sergeant of police then sat in judgment and decided that the jewelry belonged to the parents, and the girl must choose between her husband and her bracelets. After some cogitation she chose the husband, who promptly unfettered the bundles from her arms and handed them to her parents.

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